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SUBJECT: GAUS AND NIER SIGN AGREEMENT ON EXCHANGE OF
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES

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1. AS EXPECTED, THE FRG/GDR AGREEMENT ON EXCHANGE OF
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES WAS SIGNED BY GAUS AND NIER IN
BONN ON MARCH 14 (AGREEMENTS ARE AS REPORTED REFTEL;
COPIES OF PROTOCOL, PROTOCOL NOTES, AND OF CONFIDENTIAL
PROTOCOL NOTES -- AS DICTATED BY FRG REP IN BONN GROUP
-- POUCHED TO EUR/CE). FORMAL STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY
NEITHER SIDE, BUT BOTH GAUS AND NIER INFORMALLY NOTED
THEIR GENERAL SATISFACTION WITH THE AGREEMENT,
CHARACTERIZING IT AS A STEP FORWARD AND AS A CONTRIBU-
TION TO DENTENTE. AS NOTED REFTEL, NEXT STEP FOR FRG IS
FOR ORDINANCES ESTABLISHING PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES
FOR GDR REPS TO BE CONSIDERED AND APPROVED BY BUNDESRAT.
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2. INITIAL OPPOSITION REACTION TO THE AGREEMENT (TEXTS OF PROTOCOL AND PROTOCOL NOTES WERE RELEASED BY FRG, AND SUBSTANCE OF THE CONFIDENTIAL PROTOCOL NOTES HAS BEEN LEAKED) HAS BEEN CAUTIOUS WITH ONLY SIGNIFICANT CRITICISM SO FAR AIMED AT ACCREDITATION OF GDR REP TO FEDERAL PRESIDENT, THUS GIVING THE IMPRESSION (ACCORDING TO OPPOSITION SPOKESMAN) OF FORMAL ESTABLISHMENT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. PRESS REPORTS HAVE BEEN GENERALLY STRAIGHT FORWARD BUT WITH SOME ZEROING IN ON FACT THAT THE PROBLEM OF LEGAL ASSISTANCE WAS NOT RESOLVED IN THE AGREEMENT. SATISFACTION WAS TAKEN BY SOME PAPERS, HOWEVER, THAT "SPECIAL NATURE" OF REPRESENTATIVES WAS CLEARLY ESTABLISHED, AND REPRESENTATION RE BERLIN

SPECIFICALLY INCLUDED. EDITORIAL COMMENT IS BASICALLY CAUTIOUS, WITH SOMEWHAT COMMON THEME THAT THE AGREEMENT IS WORTHWHILE FULFILLMENT OF ARTICLE 8 OF TREATY ON BASIS OF RELATIONS, BUT THAT TOO GREAT EXPECTATIONS, IN LIGHT OF EXPERIENCE WITH THE GDR, ARE PROBABLY NOT JUSTIFIED.
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